

spiracy Senator Goodrich saw was that the Revenue Committee was going to try to move their bill up in front of Senator Labedz. That is absolutely not correct. Senator George's statements to that effect are absolutely not correct. If this body wants to be reasonable and understanding they would debate and discuss both bills because they are an either - or situation. But that is not the motion here today either. The question of whether these two bills should be heard simultaneously is one that I think we ought to address at some time. But at this point the question is whether or not we should debate this bill, what the fiscal impact is, and so forth. I talked to the Tax Commissioner yesterday. Senator Labedz and I had lunch with him the day before. We discussed some of the questions of the fiscal note that his Department had sent up. One of the questions that I brought up to the Tax Commissioner at that time was the accuracy of the fiscal note on 407. I pointed out that his comparisons were not based on the same data base as other legislation and so forth. He said he'd relook at it. Yesterday he contacted me and said that there were going to be new fiscal notes on LB 407 and on the other bill that also should be considered at the same time we're considering this. Those fiscal notes are being prepared. They have not been sent. We do not have those. We do not know what the costs are going to be. Senator George tried to say that the costs were going to be \$2 million, or something like that. I wish that was true. The fact is that the additional cost, in terms of state revenue, for both bills will be well over \$5 million. Those are very significant fiscal notes. You can't discuss one approach without discussing the other approach. Senator Labedz proposal, to move this bill ahead and then we'll discuss the other one later, is not realistically or fairly dealing with the issue of how we provide exemptions and so forth for older Americans. I think Senator Warner, the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, spoke very eloquently when he said that there is a need to look at the cost. There should be some more time for members of this Legislature to look at both of the bills that are going to be brought before them because they are major decisions, major fiscal impacts, and they're going to have a major affect on a large portion of the population of the State of Nebraska. To bracket this bill at this time, until after we've dealt with appropriations, after we have a better chance to understand what the fiscal impact is, after we understand better what amendments those kinds of things are going to be placed on both pieces of legislation, would help, considerably, this body to make appropriate, fair and reasonable decisions which are based on the best interests of the people of the State of Nebraska. I support the bracketing motion. It's fair, it's right and it's necessary. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Labedz. Each year, as we go along, we keep passing over major pieces of legislation. Three weeks down the road, that's all we're going to have left to consider. I say let's go ahead, consider what I consider major legislation when its time comes up, and that time is certainly here. I say let's proceed on and deliberate on LB 407.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.